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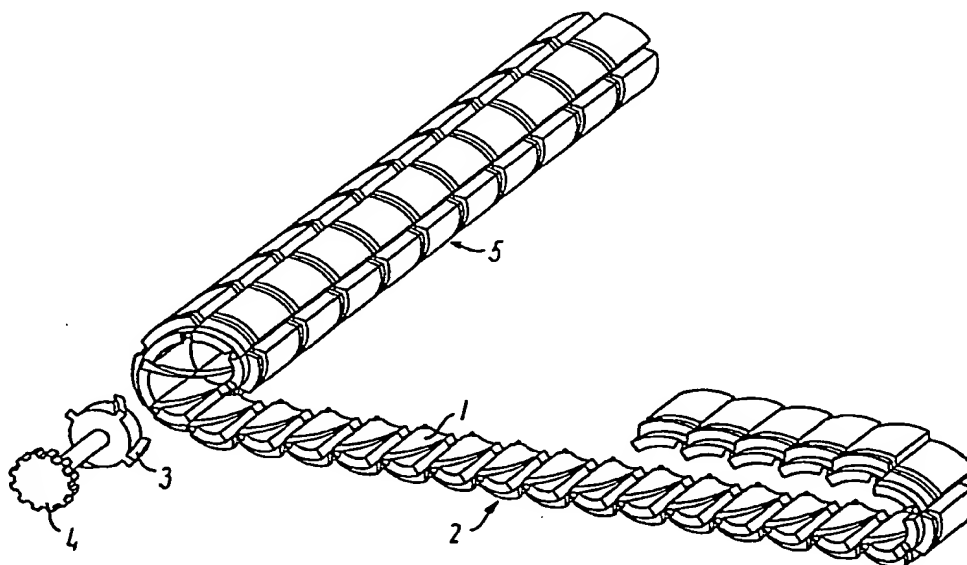
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**(54) Title:** A METHOD AND AN APPARATUS FOR TRANSFER OF PRESSURE AND/OR TENSILE LOAD



**(57) Abstract**

For transfer of pressure and/or tensile loads as well as torque load between two objects, an elongate spindle member with high rigidity and stability against pressure and/or tensile loads as well as bending and torsional load is provided by that winding-up of mutually interlocking chain links (1) under axial displacement in a helical winding (5) by means of a winding guide means (14) connected with one of the two objects. The turn of the helical winding first provided is connected with a coupling member for connection with the other two objects and each chain link is retained in engagement with neighbouring links in the same turn as well as adjacent chain links in neighbouring turns.

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